



# Maine Wing-Over



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## MEWG Wingover Newsletter January Twenty-Ten

### Maine Wing Commanders Message

Happy Twenty-Ten.

We start a new year with a plan to make this year better than the last. And that will be a tough task to do. Last year saw an increase in our missions with both Fire Watch and Counter Drug flights. We also hosted a National Cadet Special Activity Flight Academy for the first time. This year the theme is to better educate our members!

The Wing Staff has put together an exciting venue of activities with training for both cadets and senior members being our initial focus this year. In the alphabet soup of training acronyms we are hosting training for SLS, CLC, TLC, and UCC on the senior member side of the program. For cadets we have Airmen Academy as well as NCO Academy. Next year we plan to host an RCLS for the first time in many years. Region Cadet Leadership School is the pinnacle of cadet training for leadership and our cadets deserve to have this training in their home state where they can share their training locally.



During the Summer we are planning a Search and Rescue (SAR) Emergency Services (ES) Academy for ground team members both cadet and senior members. This will train you to become a better ground team member and if you already have some ground team skills this may allow you to become a ground team leader (GTL) if you can complete all the tasks. We will host this at Camp Keyes and it will be a one week in-residence course. Details to follow as we get this planned.

On the aircrew side of training, We will have both scanner and observer training courses this Summer at Camp Keyes in

Augusta to train our Senior Members and Flight Officers in these aircrew positions. It will be training on both the round dial and glass cockpits with the emphasis on glass cockpits as we have so few trained non-pilot observers in this airframe. Again this is in the early planning stage and more details to follow.

Maine Wing Cadet Encampment will be held at Norwich University this year in Vermont. This is an exciting venue for our cadets this year with reduced costs and a great environment. I plan to attend as much as time allows and look forward to seeing our cadets attend both as members and staff.

Lastly we are hosting again this year the NCSA Flight Academy with 7 of our MEWG cadets that have applied as well as many senior members on staff. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Best wishes for the Twenty-Ten and for all we do for our Nation and The Great State of Maine.

## **BUSY YEAR AHEAD FOR NORTHEAST REGION**

Col. Christopher Hayden, NER  
Commander

I consider myself fortunate and privileged to have been appointed your Northeast Region Commander. Since taking command in August we have made some adjustments to the region staff, introduced vertical integration between the region and wing staff, and drafted plans for several new and old events for the year ahead. In October we held our first Wing Commander's Retreat at Lake George, NY where all the wing commanders and I were able to spend an uninterrupted day together to discuss ideas and issues. This was so worthwhile we have all agreed to make this an annual event.

In January we are holding a



STRATOPS (operations strategy forum) at Westover ARB. This is for all the wing commanders, directors of operations, emergency service officers, directors of communications and other interested parties. Our guests at this event are John Salvador, NHQ Director of Missions, and Lt Col Lance Jolly, the CAP-USAF NE Liaison Region Commander.

In July we will hold our annual SARCOMP organized by Lt Col Joe Abegg and in November we will hold our traditional Region Conference.

Also, our traditional Region Staff College, Inspector General School and Region Cadet Encampment are in the planning stage.

New on the drawing board are plans to create a region ES Training School for those who aspire to be Incident Commanders. The course will provide the higher training requirements for branch directors which will be followed by IC training.

Our region has been recognized for some time as a national leader. This was recently demonstrated by our 99% completion ahead of time of the narrow band communications transition. Throughout the year I will visit each wing so I can get to know as many of you as I can and hear your ideas and discuss any issues. Please think safety in all you do and thank you for your support of our Civil Air Patrol.

## **Maine Wing Over**

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## **REMINDER**

Staff Meeting & Monthly Safety Briefing	January 5
SAREX Portland	January 9
SLS	January 23
Wing Staff Meeting & Safety Briefing	February 2
Winter Survival Training	February 19-21
Corporate Leadership Course	February 27
Wing Staff Meeting & Safety	March 2
SAREX Waterville	March 13
Training Leaders of Cadets	March 20
Maine Wing Cadet Competition	March 26
Maine Wing Conference	April 9-10-11

**Articles & pictures due  
For Wingover**

**March 27th**

# NATIONAL COMMANDER

What would you wish for the New Year? For many of us, the resolutions are for more exercise, more time with family and friends or other means of self-improvement. We've all made these kinds of resolutions, and sometimes we even make them come true!

But this year, my resolutions are of a different sort — not just for my own personal well-being, but also for this wonderful organization and for our nation. Here's what I hope we can resolve, together:

I resolve that I will continue to work as hard as I can to make CAP the best place to volunteer. From continued development of the Leadership Development curricula to ensuring we challenge ourselves on safety every day, I will be dedicated to the goal that each member of CAP has the chance to become better at what he or she does while becoming a better person by doing it. I resolve that our missions will continue to serve well the people of our nation.

Whether it is our search and rescue services that literally save lives, our cadet programs that help guide young people into becoming powerful leaders, our aerospace education program that



empowers teachers and students across the nation to reach for the stars or our homeland security and other emergency services missions that make our nation ever more safe,

I will work to ensure we always move a step closer to professionalism and greater effectiveness and efficiency. Even in the best of organizations, there's always room for improvement.

I resolve that our governance processes will continue to improve so we can all take pride not only in what we do, but also in how we make decisions together. Whether it is the forward the missions of CAP.

National Executive Committee, the National Board or even the region and wing structures, I will insist we review and polish regulations and provide leaders with the education needed to make their jobs easier and their teams more functional.

In addition, I resolve to continue to work well with our partners. Whether that is CAP U, S. Air Force, Evergreen Aviation, Worcester Wreath Co., other corporate sponsors or members of CAP, I will provide the leadership for forming effective partnerships as we move.

Through all the above, and much more, I resolve that CAP will no longer be one of our country's best-kept secrets. In your personal hopes for this new year, please join me in these resolutions. As Margaret Mead once wrote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

*Semper Vigilans!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Courter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maj.

Gen. Amy S. Courter  
CAP National Commander

# THOUGHTS ON SAFETY

When reading about the Aircraft vacuum Systems, I know ,(what has that got to do with Safety)? The Article described the “holy grail” of aircraft design and maintenance. The important point made was that we know when the parts were likely to fail in contrast to thinking the components will last forever. Thus the determination of TBO’s or time between overhauls.

What can be gained from this approach is that we can be proactive predicatively and prevent component failure. Proactive thinking and actions such as those employed in aircraft maintenance prevent failures, thus mishaps and keep us safe. We can use those exact methods in our personal operations. Using ORM and Situational Awareness in all we do is like proactive maintenance of our lives and those around us. Winter brings many challenges for us to abide in these northern climates. Not only must we deal with driving hazards from snow, ice, slush, poor visibility and freezing temperatures, but then we build fires in our houses and light them up beautifully for the holidays. These are the potential hazards.

So then, in order:

- Drive in winter conditions as if you could predict a slide or skid.
- Seat belts are mandatory.
- Use the batteries in your smoke detectors, and make sure you have a Carbon Monoxide detector.
- Double check all those electrical connections. Electricity from a broken light bulb will travel through a person seeking a ground and can be fatal.
- Overloaded circuits create heat and fires.

This year in the Maine Wing no one sustained any injuries in our operations. We encounter many risks in our work, and all have done a great job in keeping our members safe. Thanks to everyone !

Lt Gary Brearley, Maine Wing Safety Officer



## WILDERNESS SURVIVAL TRAINING

Wilderness Training for Maine Wing members cadets, pilots and Senior members . The training will begin on February 19th and will end on February 21st. At the Bog Brook Facility in Gilead.

This event teaches survival, this is a learning experience, it is a challenge, you learn how to enjoy the Maine outdoors, all of this gives you confidence and peace of mind. The object of this class is to teach you the mental aspects of survival, physical conditioning, planning, How to build a shelter, fire building techniques, signaling, map and compass.

Captain Jeff Furlong Deputy Squadron Commander of the 077th and staff will keep you safe and well informed about how to survive.

Join the WST TEAM for 2010. This experience will remain with you throughout your life.....

## **33rd Composite Squadron**

The Commander of the 33rd Composite Squadron Captain Barbosa is proud to announce that Captain Ray Burby has accepted the position as Deputy Commander of the 33rd. Ray is the Public Affairs Officer for the Squadron.

Capt. David Barbosa Commander



## **35th Composite Squadron**

Cadets and Seniors from the 35th Composite Squadron travel on December 5th to Calais for the first annual International Wreath laying ceremony sponsored by the Worcester Wreath Company. Prior to the ceremony C/Captain Slininger was honored to be selected as Major General Amy Courter National Civil Air Patrol Commander's personal escort for the day. His duties included escorting her through the entire ceremonies that were being held at Ferry Point Bridge on the U.S / Canadian border, he served her with dignity and professionalism. This was a cadet's lifetime honor. As a thank-you General Courter presented Slininger the wreath that was presented to her.

December 6th the 035th was honored to present a Color Guard as the Wreaths across America convoy visited the Bangor Civic Center on their trip to Arlington National Cemetery, Cadets Slininger, Klam, Poland and Baker made up the color guard, along with many other military organizations from the Bangor area. Cadets Croft-Greenwell and Downing were part of the flag detail. Captain Susan Hall, Lt Gammon and Lt Hicks were also present for the ceremonies.

Members of the Down east Squadron joined with the 35th for the ceremonies.

Lt Colonel Jim Jordan leads ceremony at Cole's Landing Museum a moment of silence and the wreaths were placed at the huge granite monument commemorating the Viet Nam veterans.

Members present were Lt Col Jordan, Captain Hall, Lt Nate Hicks, Lt Rick Gammon, Cadets were Jim Klam, Bryan Poland, Zac Baker, Dan Tracey and Jonathan Tenny.

Awards given out at Christmas party were as follows:

Cadet Commander Change of Command as C/Captain Slininger hands the position to C/SrAirman James. Cadets promoted were C/Sgt Joe Klam, Wright Brothers award, and Cadet Culp promoted to C/Senior Airman. Cadet Tracey awarded Cadet of the Year, Major Hunter Officer of the Year and Major Smickle. Certificates for Presidential Fitness Challenge, Croft-Greenwood, Tenney, Brown, Slininger, Baker, Norton, Tracey, Klam, Bortell, Culp and Poland.

Capt. Cathie Spaulding Commander





## 36th Composite Squadron

No Submission

Capt. Mark Seitz  
36th Squadron Commander



## 37th Composite Squadron

### **SUNDOWN SQUADRON .**

At a November meeting the Sundown Squadron held promotions. Col. Dan Leclair Maine Wing Commander was present for the ceremony. Leclair addressed the cadets, families and friends present. The ceremony was held at Gould Academy in Bethel, Maine. Leclair spoke about changes taking place within the Maine Wing, which will result in future opportunities for Cadets and Senior members. The Squadron recently added three new pilots to their ranks.. All are qualified pilots..

Pictured are Colonel Leclair, Capt Joe Roberts, Major Angella Roberts, Lt Jeremy Huston, Capt. Rollins & Captain Randy Autrey

November 23, 2009

Oxford County Commissioner Dave Duguay was a guest speaker at the 37th. He stated that the Squadron could be of service to Oxford County working with the county emergency services. . CAP members receive a large of part of their Emergency Services from FEMA.



The 37th Composite Squadron helped with numerous others to place wreaths on the graves of veterans at the Maine Veteran's Memorial cemetery in Augusta.

Those present from the Squadron were Captain Roberts, Major Roberts, Lt Chris Bourgois

Capt. Joe Roberts Commander



## **38th Composite Squadron**

The 38th Down east Patrol Composite Squadron held a retirement ceremony for Lt Colonel Kenneth Goldstein who retired from the Civil Air Patrol after 22 year years of service. He was presented with the Meritorious Service Award. Pressnet for the ceremonies were Colonel Dan Leclair Maine Wing Commander and Captain Warren King Maine Wing.

Awards also presented were to Stephen Ashcroft to C/CMSgt James Gaddis to 1st Lt and awarded the Benjamin O. Davis Jr award for completion of Professional Development level 2. C/Capt Hannah Pusey was awarded the Amelia Earhart Award Capt. Kristain Bearcove for completing the Yeager Award.

The Squadron new member SM Chris Carter is the new Public Affairs officer for the Squadron and is the Recruiting and Retention Officer.

Captain Kristian Bearcove becomes the new Commander of the 38th Squadron.  
Captain Joyce Gaddis has assumed the position as Director of Cadets, for the Maine Wing.

Captain Kristian Bearscove  
Commander of the 38th Downeast Squadron



## **56th Composite Squadron**

No Submission

Capt. John Berryman  
56th Squadron Commander



## **58th Composite Squadron**

Lt Steve Higgins Squadron Commander travels to Auburn with two of the 58th Squadron Cadets to join forces with the 077th for the Wreaths Across American ceremonies, being held at Edward Little High school.

The cadets from both Squadrons joined honor guards from the Fire Departments, Amvets, VFW, American Legion and other military organizations from the area.

The Worcesters were presented the keys to the city of Auburn by city officials.  
The convoy was met with residents of Auburn holding candles to welcome to the ceremonies. The cadets made Col Leclair very proud., they looked great.

Lt Steve Higgins Commander



## **75th Composite Squadron**

Major Wayne Merritt project manager for Wreaths Across America and Commander of the 075th traveled along with members of the squadron with the wreaths on their trip to Arlington National Cemetery. The trucks were loaded with 16,000 wreaths for the December 12th for the wreath laying ceremony.

Cadet 2nd Lt Brandon St. Louis worked beside fellow volunteers at Worcester Wreath Company, during the preparations of the wreaths..The members of this Squadron has given many hours to this worthwhile project .

Major Wayne Merritt Commander





## **77th Composite Squadron**

The Squadron has been quite busy.

Lt Dave Edwards was promoted to 1st Lieutenant. Edwards is our Squadron Safety officer and has diligently conducted safety briefings and closes our meetings every Thursday evening with the now familiar "Be Safe"

C/SGT Christakis and A1c Austin Alemeder traveled to Lewiston High School with Captain Warren King and Lt Story on November 11th for the Veterans Day ceremonies held later in the day at the Lewiston Armory. Lewiston High School ROTC cadets helped prepare the breakfast for the veterans at the high school. Christkis and Alemeder passed out sponsorship forms for purchasing wreaths for the Wreaths across America project.

A recruiting table was also available for folks that would like to join the Civil Air Patrol.

Folks still ask what is CAP..???

The Dining Out was held again at the Green Ladle and our Squadron helped with the planning of the event as we did last year.

Squadron participated in the Sarex's getting valuable training for seniors and cadets. Senior Member Weeman is getting training as a Scanner. Cadets trained with ground teams.

In December the Plummer cadets were part of the ground team that found SANTA, although he was an imposter.

Squadron members participated in two Wreaths Across America events. The first was the kick off event way up in Calais Senior Member Weeman, Capt Hanson, Lt Giles and Cadets Alexandra Hebert, Kelly Plummer, Kim Plummer. Made the trip to the bridge into Canada it was a moving ceremony.

After lunch we headed back to Auburn. Captain Hanson was the driver and from the back of the van the sound of movies playing as well as the crashing airplanes on the flight simulator.

Capt. Ray Hanson

077th L/A Squadron Commander



# FALL 2009









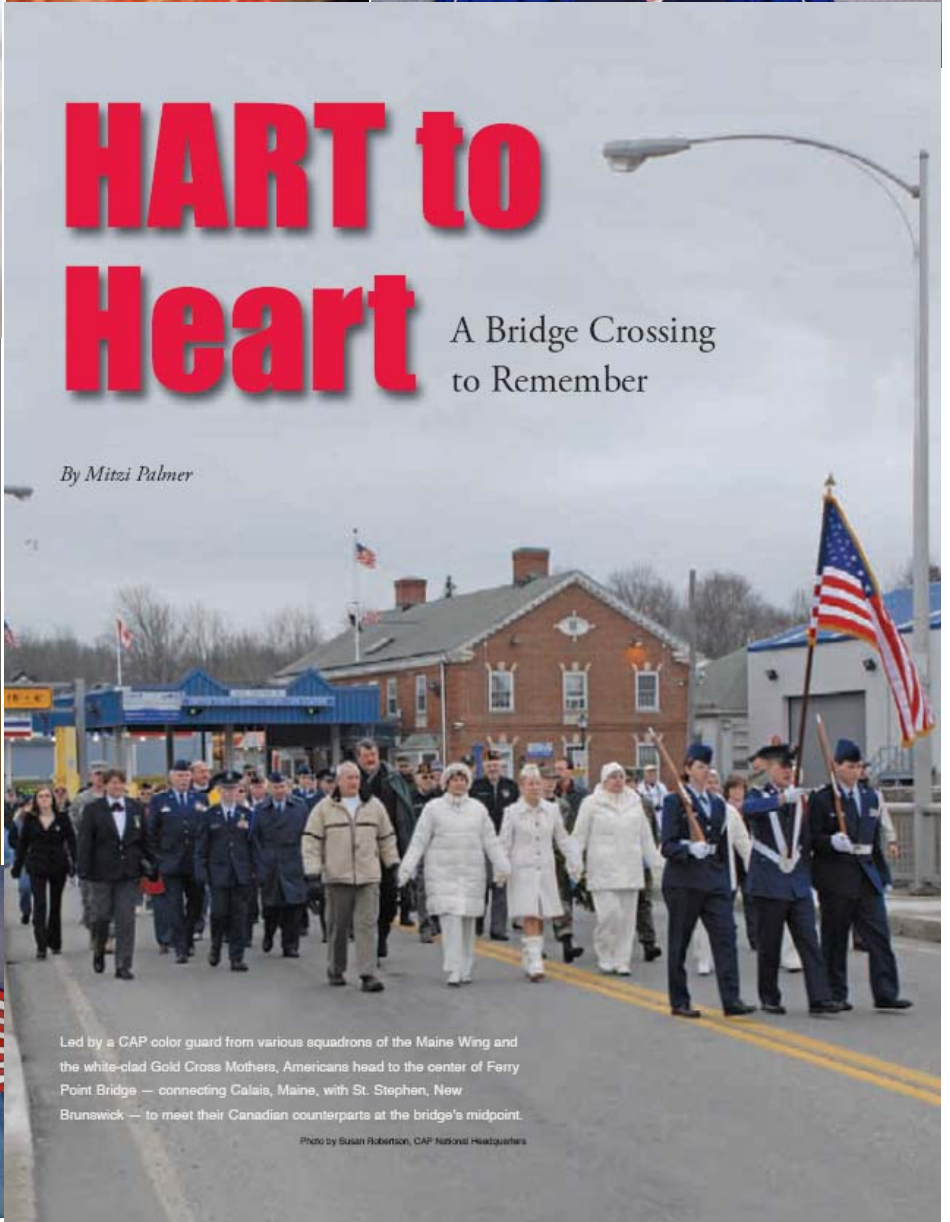
# WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA 2009



## HART to Heart

A Bridge Crossing  
to Remember

*By Mitzi Palmer*



Led by a CAP color guard from various squadrons of the Maine Wing and the white-clad Gold Cross Mothers, Americans head to the center of Ferry Point Bridge — connecting Calais, Maine, with St. Stephen, New Brunswick — to meet their Canadian counterparts at the bridge's midpoint.

Photo by Susan Robertson, CAP National Headquarters

## Editor's Corner

### A NEW DECADE

This is the beginning of a new decade 2010. But however much of 2009 tested our faith in the future and our leaders, it is right to celebrate the dawn of this year. There were achievements that the Civil Air Patrol here in Maine accomplished. The Fire Watch, the First Flight Academy, changes in command, our cadets win awards, promotions, civic organizations learn the Civil Air Patrol is not the best kept secret. We are real, and we do a fine job in our communities.

Safety is always an issue, and keeping our members safe, lets continue a NO MISHAP 2010...

AEX Awards were presented at the Dining Out, and a wonderful evening it was. Aerospace plays a VERY important role in the CAP. Cadets O flights, the favorite experience for our Maine cadets, with some fine pilots who devote their time to our young cadets, and all the members who do a fine job mentoring our future leaders.

I want to say a special thank you, to Colonel Chris Hayden and Colonel Dan Leclair, for a momentous day in my life, when I was promoted to Captain. It was where I was promoted that makes this so special to your Maine Wing PAO. We were in Washington, D.C. area for the Wreaths Across America a grand and meaningful service project that CAP performs. As the sun rose on this very early and cold morning over Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, Maryland, and with the Mast of the USS Maine in the background, these two special men pinned my bars on my shoulders. Captain Joyce Gaddis and Captain Warren King were also present.

Maybe this should not be in this editorial, but I truly believe that the Maine Wing volunteers are a close knit family and we share good thoughts and respect for each person in this Maine Wing.

Yes, I am proud to be a member of the Maine Wing and to serve with each and every one of you.

Your Editor,  
Captain Mary J. Story-Public Affairs Officer, Maine Wing  
Civil Air Patrol, US Air Force Auxiliary

